

## CURIOUS COINCIDENCES BROUGHT FORTH BY WAR

First Man to Greet Fiji Islander Is One to Whom He Bears Letter of Introduction.

### INCIDENT IN LONDON HOSPITAL

Young Soldier, Wounded in France, on Recovering Consciousness, Finds He Is in Institution Where His Father Is Visiting Surgeon.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) LONDON, August 25.—While E. H. James, a prominent resident of Fulham, was at Charing Cross a few days ago he noticed a number of men clad in khaki getting out of the boat train. He learned they had just arrived from far-off Fiji, where they had given up good situations to offer their services to the motherland in her hour of need. Mr. James asked if any of them were from Suva.

"Yes," replied one of the stalwart young fellows. "I came from Suva."

"Do you know Harry James?" inquired the man from Fulham.

"I should think I do. He and I are overseers of the same plantation. I have a letter of introduction to his brother, E. H. James, of Fulham."

"You can hand it over now," said Mr. James. Both were amazed to learn that the first man the South Sea Islander had spoken to on reaching London was the very man in all England he wished to see.

This is but one of the extraordinary coincidences which the war has brought forth. A London hospital had another remarkable illustration:

A young soldier was severely wounded in the fighting "somewhere in France." He lost his consciousness, and when he regained it he was lying comfortably in a bed in a ward of a large hospital. His first words were, "Where am I?" The nurse told him that he was in London, that during the period of his unconsciousness he had been transported across the channel, and that his wounds had been tended. He asked the name of the ward, the number of the bed, the day of the week, and the month. The nurse told him, "I say, nurse, you must tell me, I am here." The nurse looked at him, thinking the poor fellow was in a delirium.

"All right, nurse, my dad's in the next ward now. You know he is the surgeon there, and this is his visiting day."

### INTERESTING INCIDENT

TOLD BY MIDSHIPMAN

A curious coincidence is also associated with the Falklands battle. It occurred during the sinking of the Gneisenau, off the Falkland Islands, and the interesting incident is told by a midshipman of the Carnarvon. He states:

"One of the officers saved was a first cousin of our admiral (Stoddart). He is a strong chap and quite a good fellow. He had an extraordinary experience. Half the Gneisenau's men were killed by shell fire alone. He was in an S. 2 turret as second torpedo officer. The turret was knocked out, and he was the sole survivor. He then went to a casemate gun, which was also knocked out, and all the crew killed. He went to a third (another casemate), which was also knocked out, and he was again practically the sole survivor. He went to another gun, and the ship was then sunk. He remained in icy water for nearly one and a quarter hours, and was picked up by one of our cutters. He was rather dazed, but cool and collected in the boat. After lying shivering in the bottom of the cutter for half an hour he was hauled up by a bowline into one of his enemy's ships. When he got on board he said, 'I believe I have a first cousin in one of your ships. His name is Stoddart.' Then to find him as admiral in the ship that picked him up."

Writing from the front to friends at Langollen, Private S. N. Jones, of the motor transport A. S. C., relates a peculiar coincidence concerning himself. He was a driver on the Llangollen-Wrexham motor bus route, and enlisted soon after the commencement of hostilities. In France, strange to say, he was drafted to the identical chassis of the motor he had been driving on the Denbighshire route, it having been purchased, with many others, by the government.

The manager of the road car company has written to Private Jones stating that, if it should be possible, they will repurchase the car after the war, and place upon it a plate recording the circumstances related.

David Henderson, a Bowhill soldier, belonging to the Black Watch, has a remarkable story to tell of how he was able to pay back on the field of battle the services of a man who saved his life in this country in the piping times of peace.

About a year ago, when taking part in a regatta at Wemyss his boat was capsized and he was thrown into the water. He had been swimming towards the shore for some time when he was picked up in an exhausted condition by a passing boat belonging to Dysart.

Strange to say, after a fierce day's fighting in France, Private Henderson saw a wounded soldier lying in front of the trenches, and, on going to his assistance, he was struck by something familiar about the wounded man. Henderson then asked his comrade if it was he who had saved him. Henderson then took his wounded comrade by the arm, and under a heavy fire led him to a place of safety.

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## Interned Germans Like Watermelons

They Raid Farmer's Patch, and Now Kaiser Must Settle the Bill.

NORFOLK, VA., August 28.—Farmer

Carey, of Deep Creek section, has complained to the county police that he has had a three-acre watermelon patch on the southern branch practically ruined by three separate invasions by sailors from the interned German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich. He declares that there was a descent on the patch in force on August 19, another raid on Monday last, and another on Thursday.

Carey's attorney called on the commanding officer of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich and laid the facts before him. It was agreed that the German commander should appoint an attorney to accompany him to the melon patch and estimate the damage, and payment will be made by the commanding officer of the Prinz Eitel on the award agreed on by the attorneys.

The loss to the melon grower would not have been nearly as great as it was if the Germans had known how to select the ripe melons. But they appear to have known no way of telling except by cutting the melons open, and they gathered ripe and unripe, big and little melons impartially. There is said to be hardly anything left in the patch except the vines. Carey puts his loss at \$260.

### PAT CROWE'S COMMENTS ON COLORADO CONVICT WORK

Former Bandit Says Convicts Who Come From Labors on Road Capable of Making a Living.

Pat Crowe, the Western bandit and kidnaper, who has reformed and is working out the problem of convict labor upon the roads, and advocating at the same time prison reform such as Warden Osborne is carrying out at Sing Sing, was a Detroit visitor recently. He visited many Detroit men prominent in the automobile trade, and his mission was freely commended. Among others who became much interested in the proposed reforms of Mr. Crowe was Stanley C. Wilson, who recently returned from a trip through the West.

Mr. Wilson made a study of the roads of Colorado and of the manner of building these roads by unguarded convict labor. He found Colorado with splendid roads and \$500,000 to be spent in 1916 to build more ideal highways. "The convicts out in Colorado," said Pat Crowe, "come from their labors and their living and men with confidence in themselves and a desire to be men among men." The former bandit said that were every State in the Union to adopt in full the plans of Colorado and build such roads as Colorado is building the problem of caring for the ever-increasing number of motor cars would be solved, as motorists would be able to travel to every section of the country without troubles.

## VANNOY H. MANNING NAMED TO SUCCEED DR. J. A. HOLMES

Appointed by President as Director of Bureau of Mines in Interior Department.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—President Wilson has appointed Vannoy H. Manning, of Holly Springs, Miss., director of the Bureau of Mines, in the Interior Department. He succeeds Dr. J. A. Holmes, who died recently. Mr. Manning was assistant director of the bureau.

Mr. Manning has been in the Interior Department for more than twenty years. He has done much work with the topographic branch of the geological survey.

When the Bureau of Mines was established in 1910, Mr. Manning was appointed to an administrative position in the bureau and was made assistant director on January 1, 1911. He had been acting director since last June, when Director Holmes had to relinquish his duties on account of ill health.

He has had charge of all the technological investigations conducted by the bureau, of the operation of its mine rescue cars and stations, and of the educational work of safety and health that the bureau has been conducting in the mining and metallurgical districts of the United States.

### HEARING IN HAMLIN CASE AT JACKSON ON MONDAY

JACKSON, KY., August 28.—The hearing of the case of Mrs. Manie Hamlin, who claims to be a daughter-in-law of former Attorney-General H. G. Hamlin, of Illinois, and who is charged in an indictment found by the Breathitt County grand jury with having poisoned Mrs. Polly Davis, a wealthy widow of this county, was set for hearing next Monday. Mrs. Davis died recently under peculiar circumstances and is alleged to have told Mrs. Hamlin, who was closely associated with her at the time, that her property was not to be appropriated by relatives, but that she was making her will, leaving her property to charity.

Mrs. Hamlin besides being indicted on the charge of murder, is also indicted on a charge of having forged Mrs. Davis's name to a will, which purported to leave the dead woman's property to her.

Mrs. Hamlin's present home is at Fayetteville, Ark., where she lived with her mother, Mrs. M. J. Coleman.

Mrs. Clara Meyers, of Charleston, W. Va., is also being held by the grand jury in connection with the case.

Mrs. Hamlin said her family, the Colemans, formerly resided in Memphis. She denies the charges.

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